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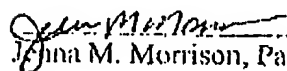
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Applicants wish to thank Examiner Therkorn for the courtesy of the telephonic interview conducted on July 25, 2005 with the undersigned. The remarks set forth herein are consistent with the substance of the interview, constitute a summary of that interview, and are believed to address the issues discussed during the interview.

Claims 1-13 and 23-25 have been allowed in the above-referenced patent application. Applicants agreed to the amendment of claim 1 and the addition of claims 23-25 as set forth in the Notice of Allowability.

The instant application provides sufficient teachings regarding the advantageous capillary electrochromatography (CE) columns of the subject invention. Specifically, the stationary coating located on the inner surface of the CE columns controls the direction of electroosmotic flow (EOF)


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as discussed throughout the instant application. Different embodiments for controlling EOF are disclosed, for example, adjusting the components of the stationary coating (*See* page 10, lines 25-26). The relative contributions of both the negatively charged and positively charged moieties of the stationary coating also can control the direction of EOF flow (*See* page 18, lines 25-30) as well as the pH of the electrolyte (*See* page 10, line 27; page 27, lines 22-31; page 28, lines 1-16) in other disclosed examples.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

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